

Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today announced numerous appointments to boards and commissions.

“We are fortunate to have individuals who are willing and dedicated to serve on these boards and commissions,” Governor Brownback said. “I appreciate their help to continue making Kansas a great state.”

The governor’s office is always looking for qualified, interested Kansans to serve the state on commissions and boards in their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments>.

Kansas State Historic Sites Board of Review

The Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review is a group of 11 professionals from various fields that meets quarterly to review and recommend nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places, and award preservation planning and rehabilitation grants.

- Margaret Wood, Topeka, is being reappointed to a three year term. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from the University of Michigan and went on to earn her master’s and doctorate in Anthropology from Syracuse University. Margaret is currently a professor of Anthropology at Washburn University.

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The mission of the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to advocate for and facilitate equal access to quality, coordinated, and comprehensive services that enhance the quality of life for Kansans who are deaf and hard of hearing. The Governor make appointments from the following different sectors: six members who are deaf or hard of hearing, speech language pathologists, psychologists, nurses, teachers, rehabilitation counselors or social workers, clinical audiologists, otolaryngologists, and a public member.

- Susan Gilliland, Topeka, is being appointed to a three year term. She attended the University of Kansas and received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her master's degree in Social Work.

911 Coordinating Council

The 911 Coordinating Council will monitor the delivery of 911 services in our state, develop strategies for future enhancements to the 911 system and distribute grant funds to public safety answering points.

- James "Dick" Heitschmidt, Hutchinson, is being appointed to a three year term. Dick is currently and has been the Chief of Police for the City of Hutchinson since 1992.

Kansas State Board of Cosmetology

The mission of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology is to protect the health and safety of the consuming public by licensing qualified individuals and enforcing standards of practice. The members of the Kansas State Board of Cosmetology are appointed by the governor to regulate the practice of the profession of cosmetology in Kansas.

- David Yocum, Saint Marys, is being appointed to a three year term. David is currently the Academy Director at Bellus Academy in Manhattan.

Kansas Athletic Commission

The Kansas Athletic Commission administers laws and regulations governing regulated sports and wrestling.

- Todd Carter, El Dorado, is being appointed to a four year term. He received a bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education & Recreation from South Dakota State University and a master's degree in Health, Physical Education & Recreation at Indiana State University. Todd is currently the Director of Athletics at Butler County Community College

Kansas Sports Hall of Fame Board of Trustees

Seven members make up the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame Board of Trustees who are appointed by the governor. The board oversees the Hall of Fame museum located in Wichita which is dedicated to preserving the history of sports in the state of Kansas.

- John-David Ettore, Fort Scott, is being appointed to a four year term. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Communications from Mount Saint Mary's University and is currently completing his master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Fort Hays State University. John-David is currently the Athletic Director at Fort Scott Community College.

Kansas Animal Health Board

The nine-member Kansas Animal Health Board serves in an advisory role to the Kansas Animal Health Commissioner on policies and actions affecting the livestock industry.

- Matthew Perrier, Eureka, is being appointed to a three year term. He received his bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Kansas State University. Matthew currently works on his family ranch, Dalebanks Angus.

Kansas Dealer Review Board

The Kansas Dealer Review Board serves as an advisory board on matters related to regulations to improve dealers practices, changes in laws relating to vehicle sales, and acts as a resource for vehicle industry problems and provides expertise to uncover operating problems created by existing laws.

- Jerry Glasgow, Topeka, is being appointed to a three year term. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Board for Super Oil Co., Inc., which does business as Performance Tire & Wheel.

Board of Healing Arts

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts consists of 15 members appointed by the governor from a list of nominees. Five shall be practicing medical doctors; three shall be practicing osteopathic doctors; three shall be licensed chiropractors; one shall be a licensed podiatrist and three shall be members of the general public. The board oversees licensing and regulatory functions in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules, and regulations in an open, courteous, and efficient manner.

- Joel Hutchins, Holton, is being appointed to a four year term. He received his bachelor's degree from Washburn University and his Medical Doctorate from the University of Kansas, School of Medicine. Joel is a practicing doctor at Family Practice Associates in Holton, Kansas.

Kansas Occupational Therapist Council

The Occupational Therapy Council reviews all applicants for examination and licensure, determines the applicants who successfully pass the examination, licenses applicants and adopts rules and regulations.

- Angela Petite, Leavenworth, is being reappointed to a three year term. She received her master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Belmont University. Angela is currently an Occupational Therapist with the Atchison Public School District.
- Diane Pickel, Shawnee, is being appointed to a three year term. Diane is the owner and founder of Therapy Associates, LLC, a multi-disciplinary rehabilitation agency.

Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board

The Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board is a ten member board appointed by the governor. The board advises the Kansas livestock commissioner on hiring a director to implement the Kansas pet animal act, reviews the status of the Kansas pet animal act and makes recommendations on changes to the act.

- Kendra Titus, Ottawa, is being appointed to a three year term. Kendra is the owner and operator of Titus Farm Kennel.

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KS-CPOST) is committed to providing the citizens of Kansas with qualified, trained, ethical, competent, and professional peace officers. It is also dedicated to adopting and enforcing professional standards for certification of peace officers to promote public safety and preserve public trust and confidence.

- John Whitmer, Wichita, is being appointed to a four year term. He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Kansas.

Kansas Radiologic Technology Council

The Kansas Radiologic Technology Council advises and assists the Board of Healing Arts in respect to licensure and examination of all radiologists. The council adopts rules and regulations for governing radiologists, they establish standards for approval of an educational course of study and clinical experience, and they establish standards for professional conduct.

- Melinda Chiroy, Emporia, is being appointed to a four year term. She received her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in Family Economics, and went on to get her Radiology Technology Associate Degree from Washburn University. Melinda is currently a radiation therapist at Central Care Cancer Center in Emporia.

Statewide Independent Living Council

The Statewide Independent Living Council ensures independent living for aging and disabled Kansans. The mission of the SILCK is to develop a state plan through external input, advocate for the accomplishment of the state plan objectives, monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the plan, and to be a statewide catalyst for independent living.

- Rebecca Branam, Ogden, is being appointed to a three year term. She received her bachelor's degree from Emporia State University in Rehabilitation Service. Rebecca currently works as a contact representative for the Social Security Administration in Manhattan.

Kansas State Rehabilitation Council

The Kansas Rehabilitation Council works in partnership with Kansans with disabilities to achieve their goals for employment and independence.

- Alana Roethle, Leawood, is being re-appointed to a three year term. She received her bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems from Florida State University and her master's degree of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota. Alana is currently the owner of Roethle Consulting, a marketing and sales consulting firm.